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The Department shall adopt regulations for a limited service hospital that include the following standards:

- (1) The limited service hospital shall be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week;
- (2) There shall be at least one physician credentialed in emergency medicine at the limited service hospital at all times;
- (3) A sufficient number of registered nurses and other health professionals shall be available at the limited service hospital to provide advanced life support;
- (4) Basic X-ray and laboratory facilities shall be available at the limited service hospital and operable at all times by one radiology technician and one laboratory technician;
- (5) Resuscitation equipment, including monitor, defibrillator, cardiac medications, intubation equipment, and intravenous line equipment shall be available at the limited service hospital and operable at all times;
- (6) Standard procedures in accordance with the State Emergency Medical Services Plan shall exist for the immediate transport of individuals in need of hospitalization or other more definitive care;
- (7) A specific defined role in the Emergency Medical Services System with appropriate telephone communication shall exist;
- (8) Emergency services shall be available to all persons regardless of ability to pay;
- (9) Adoption, implementation, and enforcement of a policy shall exist that requires, except in an emergency life-threatening situation where it is not feasible or practicable, compliance by all employees and medical staff involved in patient care services with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidelines on universal precautions; and

(10) Any other standard that the Secretary deems necessary to ensure the quality of the services provided by a limited service hospital.

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